

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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HALIFAX COUNTY'S BANKING FACILITIES.

Until 1891 the people of Halifax county had no banking privileges and conveniences amongst them, but did their banking business through banks in Norfolk, Baltimore, Richmond, Wilmington, Raleigh, and other places.

The first bank in the county was opened by Mess. A. McDowell and F. P. Shields in 1891, which continued to be the only bank in the county for some time. But the banking facilities of the county now are second to those in no county in this part of the State; and indeed we doubt if any county in the State has better banking facilities, according to the amount of business done.

There are now eight banks in Halifax county—one in Scotland Neck, two in Weldon, two in Enfield, one in Littleton, one in Roanoke Rapids and one in Halifax; and a handsome new building is nearing completion in Scotland Neck, in which another bank will be opened very soon.

Perhaps in no other branch of business or industry has Halifax county made such improvement and development in the last decade as in its banking facilities. This shows that the financial condition of the people in the county is good, and that there is general prosperity.

No class of persons in the county has done more indirectly towards bringing about this improved condition than the farmers of the county. To be sure, the merchants do the most business through the banks, but there must always be a background for the merchant's business; and the products of the farms in the county have been as solid support as the merchants have had from any source.

It is true that the various manufacturing industries of the county have furnished fine business for the banks; but the farmers of the county have done much towards making this improved condition possible.

All told, Halifax county is to be congratulated on its fine banking facilities, and the people find great convenience in having so many of these helpful institutions just at their doors.

MR. SMALL'S EFFORTS BEARING FRUIT.

It is well known that Hon. John H. Small, congressman from the third district, has labored incessantly since his first election to congress for an inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet. Mainly through his efforts congress has appropriated \$550,000 for the work.

A meeting of the Inland Waterway Association was held in Charleston, S. C., March 29th.

The Association, through its president, J. H. Estill, of Savannah, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt:

"Charleston, S. C., March 29. The President, Washington, D. C. The executive committee of the Inland Waterway Association in session to-day in this city, directs me to congratulate you upon the personnel and the purposes of the commission appointed by you to consider the vital subject of the improvement of our waterways.

"I am also directed to call your attention and through you to the commission, to the importance of the construction and maintenance by the United States of the chain of inland waterways along the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Florida, and the Gulf, particularly the waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., which will avoid the dangers at Cape Hatteras and Diamond shoals.

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SUPERINTENDENT WILSON'S APPOINTMENT.

As will be seen in another item in this issue, Superintendent C. W. Wilson, of the Scotland Neck graded school, has been appointed one of the trustees of the Eastern Carolina Training School. His term is for six years. While this is quite a compliment to Prof. Wilson, it is also good for the institution which is to be established, for Prof. Wilson is one of the foremost educators in the State, and he will give his best thought to discharging the duties that the appointment imposes upon him.

144,000 TOMBSTONES.

In a recent article in a magazine Carl Snyder says that during the past 19 years since statistics have been tabulated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, deaths on the railroad have been 144,000, personal injuries over 1,000,000. J. L. Lewis in the Pittsburg Dispatch quotes these figures and adds:

"If tombstones were erected for those killed along the line it would take 144,000 tombstones, nearly one for every mile, and if a tablet were also placed along the line for those injured it would take 1,144,000 tablets, or one to less than every 1,000 feet of railroad.

"The worst of it is that the percentage of injury is increasing. In 1905 it was twice as dangerous to travel or work for the railway companies as it was in 1895; the increase of risk is over 10 per cent. per annum."—News and Observer.

And yet the Legislature of North Carolina and all the other States that have passed railroad laws or discussed railroad reductions have laid great stress on the reduction of passenger rates instead of legislating for more safety and better service, and reduction in freight rates.

This paper has contended all the time that the best legislation concerning railroads is reduction of freight rates and safer travel and better service on passenger cars.

The little difference of half cent a mile in passenger rates cuts a small figure alongside the heavy freight rates that consumers have to pay, for the consumer pays all the charges in the end. And as to the reduction in passenger fares, we have yet to hear more people express a desire for it than for better protection and safer travel.

YEAR FOR BOLL WEEVILS.

The following item of news makes a bad showing for the prospects of cotton growers in the boll weevil districts:

Baton Rouge, La., March 29.—The cotton boll weevil will be unusually numerous and destructive this year according to a report by Dr. W. D. Hunter, in charge of the boll weevil investigation for the United States Department of Agriculture. He says: "The conditions throughout the past winter have been unusually favorable for the hibernation of the boll weevil. The two critical conditions for successful hibernation, temperature and dryness, have been as favorable as they will probably ever be.

"The mild winter and spring is having the effects of causing an unusually early emergence.

"The conditions indicate that weevils will be unusually abundant in the cotton fields, and great damage is to be expected. Some conditions, for instance dry weather during June and July after the cotton plants are well started, may serve to check the insect."

EASTERN TRAINING SCHOOL.

The State Board of Education has named as the Board of Trustees for the East Carolina Teachers and Training School, established by the Legislature of 1907, the following to hold office from the 15th of March 1907:

For six years: Ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis, of Greenville; C. W. Wilson, of Scotland Neck; John C. Parker, of Trenton. For four years: J. B. Leigh, of Elizabeth City; Y. T. Ormond, of Kinston; J. R. Bannerman, of Bannerman. For two years: L. T. Turlington, of Smithfield; T. H. Battle, of Rocky Mount; J. C. Carr, of Wilmington.

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News Afloat.

There are 13,000 life and fire insurance agents in North Carolina.

An old colored woman was found dead in the track of a forest fire near Kinston. It was supposed she was burned while fighting the fire near her home.

The people of Dunn voted on dispensary or prohibition last week and the dispensary vote had a majority of something over a dozen—as we remember it was 14.

The extremely cold weather the first of this week greatly threatened fruit and truck, especially strawberries, about Mount Olive. Doubtless it is injured some and the early maturity delayed.

Mr. R. E. Shaw, of Washington, N. C., died in Wilmington Sunday, says the Greenville Reflector. Mr. Shaw was a well known piano tuner and will be remembered by many in Scotland Neck.

Arrangements have been made for a good exhibit by the negroes of North Carolina at the Jamestown Exposition. They will have a choice location and doubtless their exhibit will be creditable to them.

Easter was a chilly day and the new bonnets and new dresses for the season were hardly in keeping with the wind and weather. Richmond had a real snow storm and news from Asheville Monday said that the surrounding mountains were snow-capped.

Dr. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, has been chosen to fill several important places made vacant by the death of his brother, Mr. Dennis S. Biggs. He has been made president of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., and also has been made president of The Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Mr. E. S. Simmons, the well known and able blind lawyer in Washington, N. C., died some days ago. Besides being an able lawyer he was a good writer, and some years ago achieved some renown from writing and publishing a splendid book on the race question. Many of the people in Scotland Neck will remember him and his book.

Judge E. B. Jones created a little sensation in Wake Superior court some days ago. Two Raleigh lawyers became dissatisfied with Judge Jones because he would not continue a case in which they appeared for defendants. They returned their fees to their clients and walked out of the court room. Judge Jones sent for them and told them they were in the case and must see it through.

Rev. Livingston Johnston, secretary of the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, has recently visited Hyde county; and here is how the News and Observer quotes Mr. Johnston:

"Hyde county, Mr. Johnston says, is a land of wonder to a man who sees it for the first time. It is the Egypt of North Carolina. The most fertile and consequently the most wealthy and most highly developed portion of the county, is the country bordering on and surrounding Mattamuskeet Lake, which is seven miles wide and twenty-one miles long. This section grows more corn to the acre than any part of North Carolina. The soil is rich and those who own it are prosperous. There is a fine road that surrounds the lake a short distance from the shore and the residences are built on the farther side of the lake and overlooking it. The farms of teeming fertility lie back of these residences, many of them are quite handsome, Mr. Johnston says.

"These farms are on a ridge a mile or two in width that borders the lake, and beyond it the land is lower and not so fertile. Mr. Johnston was well pleased with what he saw in Hyde and especially with her fine citizenship."

The Alaska Packers Association, who can the Argo Red Salmon, has the largest fleet in number of any shipping firm sailing under the American flag. It owns 55 steamers and 15 sailing vessels and charters many more.

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1898—\$5.76
1899—\$6.48
1900—\$7.21
1901—\$7.87
1902—\$7.99
1903—\$8.46
1904—\$8.95
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Land Sale for Taxes.

I shall sell to the highest bidder at the court house in Halifax on Monday, May 6, 1907, for taxes in Halifax county for the year 1907, the following lands:

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.
Allen Mabry, Jr. 72 acres tax and cost \$7.04.
Harry Spruill 85 acres tax and cost \$6.75.
Crawley Spruill 25 acres tax and cost \$4.22.
E. I. Webb 7 acres tax and cost \$2.52.

SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP.
Lon Wilson 1 acre tax and cost \$1.15.
Charles Turner 40 acres tax and cost \$2.87.
C. C. Baker 12 acres tax and cost \$2.20.
J. W. Clark 1 town lot tax and cost \$6.43.
Weldon C. Smith 3-4 town lot tax and cost \$3.55.
John Horton 1 acre tax and cost \$1.15.
Lena Hill 1 town lot tax and cost \$3.70.
Anderson Johnson 10 acres tax and cost \$2.99.

CONOCONARA TOWNSHIP.
Fred Dawson 25 acres Baker land tax and cost \$1.93.
John Epps 30 acres residence tax and cost \$5.40.
John Fenner estate 180 acres tax and cost \$7.83.
Gee Tillery 1 acre Pope land tax and cost \$4.70.
Cornelius Howard 60 acres tax and cost \$7.74.
Malisin Alston 30 acres tax and cost \$1.80.
W. B. Harris 51 acres Harris land tax and cost \$2.99.
F. A. Fitzpatrick 133 acres tax and cost \$3.79.

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Bank Statement.

Report of the condition of The Scotland Neck Bank, at Scotland Neck, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business March 22nd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$97,974.57
Overdrafts	2,837.91
Stocks, bonds, mortgages	8,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,025.00
Due from banks & bankers	48,688.46
Cash items	3,241.65
Gold coin	1,000.00
Silver coin, etc.	3,268.91
Nat'l bank notes, U. S. notes	5,650.00
Investment account	1,000.00
Currency account	30.00
Total	\$173,216.50

LIABILITIES.

Surplus fund	\$24,700.00
Undivided profits	7,918.48
Dividends unpaid	240.00
Certificates of deposit	17,587.40
Deposits subject to check	121,604.62
Cashier's ch'ks outstanding	1,053.50
Bond tax	112.50
Total	\$173,216.50

North Carolina—Halifax County, ss: I, Frank P. Shields, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct—Attest:
R. M. Johnson, N. B. Josey, A. McDowell, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of March, 1907.
J. H. ALEXANDER, JR.
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Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax county, rendered on the fifth day of March, 1907, in the cause entitled A. L. Pope, vs. Clara Pope and others, Ex Parte the same being a proceeding to sell land for partition, we will sell the below described tract of land, to cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court House in Halifax at 12 o'clock on the 5th day of May, 1907, it being the 1st Monday in May.
That tract of land in Conococonara township, Halifax county, North Carolina, and known as the "Pope" land, containing three hundred and sixty-five acres more or less, and bounded by the lands of W. Land, Kelly Weeks, J. E. Pope, Patrick, J. J. Barnes, The Carolina Lumber Company, and others.
This tract of land will be cut into six shares, and will be sold according to the survey of said shares which survey and plot will be exhibited at Court House on day of sale.
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